HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GOPALA KRISHNA TAMADA

W.P.No.8454 of 1999

Dated 4th day of April, 2007

Between:

Seela Raghavulu Naidu ..
Petitioner

And

The Director of Survey and Settlements,
Hyderabad
and three others ..
Respondents

O R D E R:

This writ petition is filed seeking a mandamus to declare the action of the 2nd respondent in not conducting enquiry into the missing files bearing S.R.Nos.110/15(1)/82 and 144/11(a)/82 relating to the petitioner, as arbitrary and illegal.

The brief facts of the case are that the petitioner's family has been in continuous possession and enjoyment of the land of an extent of Ac.1.81 cents in S.No.181/10 situated in Cherukuvaripalli village and also an extent of Ac.2.00 cents in S.No.322/14 of 81 situated in Upparapalli, Somala Mandal, Chittoor District since 50 years. When the petitioner applied for Ryothwari pattas in respect of those lands, his claim petitions were numbered as S.R.Nos.110/15(1)/82 and 144/11(a)/82 on the file of the then Settlement Officer, Nellore. Now, the petitioner's grievance is that he came to know that the cases filed by him were misplaced and not traced in the office of the Settlement Officer. When he pleaded with the 2nd respondent-Joint Collector to make a request to the 1st respondent-Director of Settlements to enquire into this matter, the 2nd respondent has not taken any steps.

Having heard the learned counsel for both the parties and perused the material placed on record, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 2nd respondent to hold an enquiry into the missing files bearing Nos.110/15(1)/82 and 144/11(a)/82 relating to the petitioner.

With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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